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Our Post-16 Offer

In choosing to study in our Sixth Form you are making a considerable commitment and investment in your future. It is an undertaking that we take seriously at King Henry VIII 3-19 School. We pledge to match your efforts with our expertise and commitment to ensure that your experience as a Post-16 pupil enables you to make excellent progress and achieve academic excellence.

We continue to have a strong tradition of success in helping our students achieve highly. This continued last year with a high number of students achieving A-A* grades and 84% of students gaining an A*-C grade. 90% of our students who applied to university got into their first-choice institution and 98% were placed in either their first or second place institutions. This included one student with an offer to study Physics at Pembroke College, Oxford. We also had another student accepted onto a highly sort after apprenticeship in coding and software design.

We feel strongly that we are a community Sixth Form serving the needs of the local area, offering a range of different subjects and pathways. New to our extensive offer this year are several Level 3 A Level options which will be delivered virtually in conjunction with other Monmouthshire Secondary schools. You can read more about in our e-sgol page below. In addition to this we are also offering an exciting opportunity to follow Level 2 pathways to employment in Childcare and Play, and Sport and Leisure, which will combine teaching on site with training focused on gaining work related skills in a placement based in the local community.

This booklet will tell you what you need to know about each subject, enabling you to make decisions about your programme of study. It is vital that you choose a course you want to do and which will provide you with an appropriate pathway towards your goals.

Our Sixth Form has a long and prestigious past, but it also looks forward to the future with confidence and clear purpose.



E-sgol



E-sgol is a project funded by Welsh Government to assist school sixth forms to provide opportunities to study subjects that may not be available for learners to study at their own school due to low numbers. The lessons, led by Monmouthshire teachers, are delivered using a blend of extended face-to-face learning once every half term and online lessons as part of the school timetable. Microsoft Teams and OneNote are used alongside a range of technologies to develop highly effective, interactive lessons. Pupils will receive feedback, both during lessons and following written assignments as normal, as well as more formal reporting points throughout the year. All pupils are given training prior to the commencement of lessons and at numerous points during the year.

Owing to the nature of these lessons, only one e-sgol subject can be chosen by each pupil.

For more information please see contact Mrs Corken or visit the E-sgol website at [E-sgol.cymru](https://e-sgol.cymru)

Please see the E-sgol [Case Studies](#) to learn about the experiences of previous learners.

These subjects will be clearly marked in the following booklet with the e-sgol symbol.



Level 3 Options



Level 3 Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales/ Bagloriaeth Sgiliau Cymru Uwch

The Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales qualification is an exciting new Level 3 qualification awarded that supports learners to become effective, responsible and active citizens ready to take their place in a sustainable global society and in the workplace.

Who is the qualification for?

The qualification is primarily designed for learners aged 16 – 19 who are following a two-year course. It will normally be taken alongside other level 3 qualifications, such as A-Levels and/or vocational qualifications.

What does the qualification cover?

Through completing the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales qualification, learners will:

- develop, apply and be assessed on their skills of Planning and Organisation; Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving; Creativity and Innovation; and Personal Effectiveness (the 'Integral' Skills)
- be given opportunities to further develop their skills of Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Competence (the 'Embedded' Skills)
- develop an appreciation of the importance of skills development as a key aspect of lifelong learning
- engage in active, creative, and learner-led opportunities
- enquire and think for themselves, plan, make choices and decisions, solve problems, and reflect on and evaluate these
- develop initiative, independence, and resilience • work independently, take on responsibilities and work effectively with others.

Qualification Structure

The Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales qualification is made up of three units referred to as Projects.



The Global Community Project supports learners to develop and demonstrate application of the Integral Skills whilst considering complex global issues and participating in local community activities (at least 15 hours) to promote citizenship in a sustainable world and Wales.

The Future Destination Project supports learners to develop and demonstrate application of the Integral Skills whilst exploring future destination goals for life, employability and citizenship in a sustainable world and Wales.



The Individual Project enables learners to develop and demonstrate application of the Integral Skills whilst planning, managing and conducting an independent research project (extended written project or artefact).

Assessment

Each Project is assessed through a series of tasks which require learners to demonstrate their application of planning and organisation, critical thinking and problem-solving, creativity and

innovation and personal effectiveness. When completing their assessments learners will explore topics that are of relevance and interest to them within broadly defined themes linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda and Wales' Wellbeing Goals.

Assessment of the Global Community Project contributes 25% to the overall qualification grade and requires learners to:

- select and investigate a global issue of their choice
- make connections between the global issue they have researched and a local perspective
- plan and participate in a community action

Assessment of the Future Destinations project contributes 25% to the overall qualification grade and requires learners to:

- consider their skills, attributes, abilities and goals
- create a personal manifesto for their future
- collaborate with their peers to achieve a common goal

Assessment of the Individual Project contributes 50% to the overall qualification grade and requires learners to:

- explore a research topic of their choice
- produce and presenting a research outcome, which could include the production of an artefact
- evaluate their individual project

How is the qualification graded?

The qualification is graded A* - E

Other information

There will be dedicated Advanced Skills Baccalaureate lessons for students leading to the required assessments. In this course there are no examinations, instead the three projects will be assessed in a similar way to traditional coursework.

All Welsh Universities will include the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate in their offers.

Most other universities and most courses within universities also accept the qualification.

Even the most competitive courses such as Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science will accept it.

For example:

- Medicine – Cardiff, Exeter, Leicester, Manchester, Plymouth, Southampton.
- Veterinary Science/Medicine – Bristol, Liverpool, Nottingham.
- Dentistry – Bristol, Cardiff.

Contact

Miss L. Trew – Subject Leader Lifeskills

Applied Science BTEC Level 3 / Gwyddoniaeth Gymhwysol

The following information is correct for the course we are looking to move over to next year, The BTEC qualifications in Applied Science are RQF level 3 qualifications designed to give learners the knowledge, understanding and skills that they need to prepare for employment. They have the equivalent weighting of an A level and are ideal for vocational and further educational purposes. The course is taught over two years and is a mixture of assignments and external examinations.

Course Outline

The course covers aspects of Biology, Chemistry and Physics and applies scientific theory to practical situations.

Year 12

2 mandatory units, one internal and one external. Learners must complete and achieve a pass grade or above in both of these units.

Unit 1

Principles and Applications of Science 1. Mandatory unit, externally assessed. 2 hour written examination.

Unit 2

Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques. Mandatory unit, internally assessed.

Year 13

Further 2 units.

Unit 3

Investigation skills, which is mandatory.

The remaining unit will be chosen from a list of optional units.

Key Facts

Specification: EDEXCEL

Entry Requirements:

- GCSE Double Award Science at grade CD or above
- A standard of literacy and numeracy supported by a general education equivalent to four GCSEs at grade A*-C

Career Opportunities:

- Quality control technician / analyst
- Hospital medical physics technician supporting the use of X-ray and other imaging / scanning equipment
- Drugs research
- Chemical industry, involved with testing materials
- Forensic science service
- Biotechnology laboratory carrying out fermentation and purification processes

Contact

Mr D. Williams - Subject Leader Vocational Sciences

Art and Design / Celf a Dylunio

The AS and A level in Art and Design offers students intellectual and practical challenges via a wide range of design briefs.

Year 12 will be a broad based course designed to allow students and staff to identify individual strengths and skills. It will comprise of one self-directed design brief. This will be submitted as coursework in April.

Year 13 will consist of a personal investigation, which will be coursework and an extended essay. There will be an externally set assignment to be completed in May. The paper will be given out in February.

Course Outline

Endorsed areas of study:

- Fine Art
- Graphic Design
- Three Dimensional Design
- Textiles/Fashion
- Photography
- Critical and Contextual Studies

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

The Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Specification require candidates to develop practical skills and develop their understanding of Art, Craft and Design.

Entry Requirements:

- GCSE grade B or above in Art is desirable but grade C will also be considered
- A willingness to adapt to new methods of working
- A creative and inquisitive mind and an ability to work independently to research and develop practical skills

Career Opportunities:

- Graphic Designer
- Film/Video/Photography
- Fine Art
- 3D Design
- Fashion/Textiles
- Theatre Design

Contact

Mrs A. Evans - Subject Leader Art

Biology / Bioleg

The Biology A-level course has undergone some radical and exciting changes and looks at the developments in Biology in the world around us. The 21st Century has seen a revolution in our knowledge of living organisms and in biotechnology in particular. The WJEC course aims to help sixth formers understand some of the most important advances in Biology while at the same time laying the foundations for future study.

Course Outline

The specification is divided into a total of 5 units, 2 AS units and 3 A2 units. Weightings noted below are expressed in terms of the full A level qualification.

- **AS Unit 1:** Basic Biochemistry and Cell Organisation
Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes worth 20% of qualification
A range of short and longer structured questions, some in practical context and one essay
- **AS Unit 2:** Biodiversity and Physiology of Body Systems
Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes worth 20% of qualification
A range of short and longer structured questions, some in practical context and one essay
- **A2 Unit 3:** Energy, Homeostasis and the Environment
Written exam: 2 hours 25% of qualification
A range of short and longer structured questions, some in practical context and one essay
- **A2 Unit 4:** Variation, Inheritance and Options
Written exam: 2 hours 25% of qualification
A range of short and longer structured questions, some in practical context and one essay
Choice of one option out of three:
 - Immunology and Disease
 - Human Musculoskeletal Anatomy
 - Neurobiology and Behaviour
- **A2 Unit 5:** Practical examination worth 10% of the qualification

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- GCSE Biology grade B or above or Double Award Science at grade BB or above is essential
- GCSE Mathematics and English Language at grade B or above

Career Opportunities:

There are many career opportunities in Biology and universities offer over 400 different courses such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, biochemistry, cell biology, nursing, pharmacy, physiology, sports science and zoology. Biology A levels are highly regarded by universities and allows entry into many courses not directly related to the subject.

Contact

Mrs J. Spencer - Subject Leader Biology

Business WJEC Level 3 Certificate and Diploma / Busnes

If you are looking for an introduction into the different types of business organisations operating in the UK and how they function, these are the courses for you. You will learn through a combination of traditional classroom teaching, research and investigation into real business organisations; external examinations and producing coursework assignments.

Course Outline

In Year 12 students will complete the first two units below, one of which is assessed by an on-screen external examination (Unit 1) and one which is assessed internally by a Controlled Assessment Task (Unit 2). This will lead to a WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Business (equivalent to one AS qualification):

Unit 1 - The Organisation – Prosperity and Survival

Learners will understand and appreciate how different organisations seek to achieve the key goals of surviving and prospering in their market situation

Unit 2 – Active Marketing focuses on understanding the key role that marketing has in the success of 2 business organisations

A further two units will be studied in Year 13, one of which is assessed by an external examination (Unit 3) and one which is assessed internally by a Controlled Assessment Task (Unit 5). This leads to a WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Business (equivalent to one A-Level qualification):

Unit 3 – Strategies and Decision Making students will learn about the ideas, concepts, models and techniques that allow people in business organisations make important decisions

Unit 5 – Markets and Customers will increase students' knowledge of researching customers and competitors to meet the needs of customers more effectively. External influences will be examined along with their impacts on global business organisations

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- An interest in following a Business course
- 5 GCSE passes grade A*-C.
- GCSE grade C or above in English and Mathematics.



Career Opportunities:

These courses enable progression to both Higher Education and a wide range of employment opportunities and training in such areas as; accounting, marketing, human resources, retail and administration.

Contact

Mrs N. Williams - Subject Leader Business Studies



Chemistry / Cemeg

Chemistry underpins our everyday existence. It is responsible for the advances in quality and comfort of our lives. It is absolutely central to our understanding of the natural world. Everyday items that we take for granted, such as toothpaste, cosmetics, washing powders and perfumes were developed with the help of chemists. Mobile phones, laptops and even fabric for sports clothing are equally dependent on chemistry. Chemistry is also at the forefront of developments in nanotechnology and the study of climate change.

Chemistry in Years 12 and 13 offers students the opportunity to develop an excellent range of skills, including numeracy, problem-solving, data handling, analysis, team working and laboratory skills. It is an essential qualification for those planning to study medicine, dentistry, veterinary science or forensics, and even chemistry itself! It is also a subject that is favoured by university admissions tutors for the range of skills that students develop.

Course Outline

- **Physical Chemistry:** Explaining observations in the physical world, such as why do ice cubes float?
- **Inorganic Chemistry:** Industrial processes and environmental aspects
- **Organic Chemistry:** The study of carbon based compounds, including all life on earth!

Practical Techniques

An essential part of chemistry is understanding how to carry out a variety of practical techniques in a safe and effective manner.

AS Chemistry (Year 12)

Two theory modules and 12 practical activities;

- AS Unit 1: The language of chemistry, structure of matter and simple reactions (20%)
- AS Unit 2: Energy, rate and the chemistry of carbon compounds (20%)
- 12 practical activities will be carried out and recorded. These are not formally assessed

A2 Chemistry (Year 13)

Two theory modules, 12 practical activities and a practical examination;

- A2 Unit 3 Physical and Inorganic Chemistry (25%)
- A2 Unit 4 Organic Chemistry and analysis (25%)
- A2 Unit 5 Experimental task and practical theory paper (10%)
- 12 practical activities have to be carried out and recorded.

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- GCSE Chemistry grade B or above or Double Award Science at grade BB or above
- GCSE Mathematics and English at grade B or above
- An average GCSE B grade score or above

Career Opportunities:

Medicine; Dentistry; Veterinary Science Management; Forensic Science; Biochemistry Chemical Industry; Pharmaceutical Industry.

Contact

Mr D. Williams - Subject Leader Chemistry

Computer Science / Cyfrifiadureg



A study of Computer Science allows you to apply your knowledge to real-world settings through case studies, projects, dissertations and portfolios. From managing IT systems to leading a business' strategic objectives, there are many valuable reasons to study computing.

Course Outline

The course is divided into 5 units. Units 1 and 2 are AS units and completed in Year 12 with Units 3, 4 and 5 done in Year 13. Weightings noted below are expressed in terms of the full A level qualification.

- **AS Unit 1: Fundamentals of Computer Science**
Written exam: 2 hours which is worth 25% of the qualification
This unit investigates computer architecture, communication, data representation, data structures, software applications, programs, algorithms, logic, programming methodologies and the impact of computer science on society.
- **AS Unit 2: Practical Programming to solve problems**
On screen examination: 2 hours which is worth 15% of the qualification
This unit consists of a series of set tasks completed on-screen by candidates. These tasks will assess the practical application of knowledge and understanding and will require the use of Visual Basic.NET, Python or Java as a programming language.
- **A2 Unit 3: Programming and system development**
Written examination which is worth 20% of the qualification
This unit investigates programs, data structures, algorithms, logic, programming methodologies and the impact of computer science on society.
- **A2 Unit 4: Computer Architecture, Data, Communication and Applications**
Written Examination which is worth 20% of the qualification
This unit investigates computer architecture, communication, data representation, organisation and structure of data, programs, algorithms and software applications.
- **A2 Unit 5: Programmed solution to a problem**
Non-examined assessment which is worth 20% of the qualification
Candidates discuss, investigate, design, prototype, refine and implement, test and evaluate a computerised solution to a problem chosen by the candidate which must be solved using original code (programming).

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- An interest in the communications industry plus evidence of successful study of ICT at Level 2 with a GCSE grade C or above, or equivalent pass, but individual cases will be considered.

Career Opportunities:

This course is suitable for those wanting to move forward with computing in higher education and can also lead on to a wide range of jobs.

Contact

To be confirmed

Design and Technology – Product Design / Dylunio a Thechnoleg – Dylunio Cynnyrch

The core elements of this subject are Designing and Making in a wide variety of contexts that are related to real world scenarios whenever possible. Students will be encouraged to develop investigative skills, original design ideas, informed decision making, their own manufacturing skills, (both traditional and new), independent working strategies and an awareness of social and environmental issues related to designing. The practical outcomes can be realised in any material - wood, metal, plastic, textiles, papers/boards or combinations of these. Great emphasis is also placed on the use of ICT to enable students to design and manufacture products where appropriate using Computer Aided Design/ Manufacturing.

Course Outline

Designing

- Products and applications
- Environmental and consumer factors
- Marketing and research
- Designing and innovation

Making

- Materials and components
- Industrial and commercial practice
- Manufacturing processes
- Systems and control

Assessments

AS Level - 2 Units

- Unit 1: Exam Paper (50%)
- Unit 2: Design and Make Task (50%)

A Level - 2 Units

- Unit 1: Exam Paper (50%)
- Unit 2: Major Project (50%)

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- Grade C or above in a GCSE Design and Technology subject or WJEC Engineering (Merit or above)

Career Opportunities:

- Product Designer, Engineering, Manufacturing, Architecture, Graphic Design, Art and Design, Fashion and Textiles, Set design and prop making, Software Design, Games Design, Education and many more

Contact

Mr J. Curran - Subject Leader Technology

Economics / Economeg



A study of Economics allows students to critically explore a range of economic issues and draw on data from local, national and international sources.

Course Outline

The course is divided into 4 units. Units 1 and 2 are AS units and completed in Year 12 with Units 3 and 4 done in Year 13. Weightings noted below are expressed in terms of the full A level qualification.

- **AS Unit 1:** Introduction to Economic Principles
Written exam: 1 hour and 15 minutes which is worth 15% of the qualification
Multiple choice and structured questions.
- **AS Unit 2:** Economics in Action
Written examination: 2 hours which is worth 25% of the qualification
Compulsory data response questions.
- **A2 Unit 3:** Exploring Economic Behaviour
Written examination: 2 hours which is worth 20% of the qualification
Structured questions based on A2 content. One compulsory data response.
- **A2 Unit 4:** Evaluating Economic Models and Policies
Written Examination: 2 hours which is worth 20% of the qualification
One essay in each section:
 - Section 1 – Microeconomics
 - Section 2 – Macroeconomics
 - Section 3 - Trade and Development.

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- At least a grade C in Mathematics and a grade C in English Language GCSE

Career Opportunities:

Economics can lead to a wide range of careers in Economics and Finance-related professions including: Accountant, Actuarial Analyst, Chartered Accountant, Data Analyst, Economist, Finance and Banking, Financial Risk Analyst, Financial Planner, Forensic Accountant, Investment Analyst, Statistician, Stockbroker.

Contact

Mrs N Williams

English Literature / Llenyddiaeth Saesneg

English offers a wide-ranging and fascinating specification. It affords a chance to improve powers of analysis; to sharpen reading skills; to deepen sensitivity; to learn to criticise without being judgmental. All these are essential life skills. Studies also explore literary, historical, economic, scientific and philosophical contexts, in an atmosphere of discussion and debate.

Course Outline

AS Course Content

- **Unit 1:** 2 hour external examination - closed text 20% of the qualification
Section A – Prose fiction pre-1900 - *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
Section B - Modern Drama - *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams
- **Unit 2:** 2 hour external examination - open text (clean copy) 20% of the qualification
Poetry post 1900- Seamus Heaney's *Fieldwork* and Owen Sheers' *Skirrid Hill*
Section A - Critical analysis of modern poetry
Section B - Poetry comparison

A2 Course Content

- **Unit 3:** 2 hour external examination - open text (clean copy) 20% of the qualification
Section A – Poetry pre 1900 - *The Merchant's Tale* by G Chaucer
Section B – Unseen poetry comparison
- **Unit 4:** 2 hour examination – Shakespeare – *Hamlet*- closed book 20% of qualification
Section A- Shakespeare extract
Section B- Shakespeare essay
- **Unit 5:** NEA Coursework – Prose study 20% of qualification
Comparison of two prose texts by different authors, one published pre-2000 and the other published post-2000
Involves writing a 2500-3500 word assignment

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- GCSE grade B in either English Language or English Literature

Career Opportunities:

English is a versatile subject, recognised by universities as a subject of academic rigour. It can be combined with any other subject (options allowing) for entry to courses/careers in Journalism/Media, Management, Law, Teaching/Academia, Speech Therapy/Psychology. However, the skills acquired through studying English A level are recognised as essential in almost any course/career. It is, of course, fundamental to have effective communication skills, empathy and emotional literacy. Studying the works of the greatest writers is still the best way to learn how to think, and how best to express one's thoughts.

Contact

Mrs C. James - KS5 English Leader

French / Ffrangeeg



French is a global language, spoken on five continents; in Europe it is very popular, second only to English. Industry and commerce are always on the look-out for French speakers. Having a language is increasingly valuable and gives you that extra edge in the job market. At university, you can do single Honours French, but more and more commonly, you can combine it with almost any other subject - science, technology, business or arts. You are usually offered the added attraction of a year abroad in a French speaking country.

We concentrate on practical communication in AS and A level French and an important element of the course is the regular small-group work. The four skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) are developed by studying different aspects of life, society and culture.

Course Outline

The A Level specification content covers the two main areas of interest:

- Social issues and trends
- Political, intellectual and artistic culture

Under these two areas of interest a total of four themes have been chosen to offer learners an extensive and pertinent learning experience.

AS Course Content

- Being a young person in French-speaking society
- Understanding the French-speaking world (including the study of a French film)

A2 Course Content

- Diversity and difference
- France 1940-1950: The Occupation and the post-war years (including the study of a literary text)

Assessment

- This qualification is made up of a total of five units: two at AS and three at A level
- Units 1 (AS) and 3 (A level) are speaking assessments; Unit 2 (AS) and Unit 4 (A Level) are combined listening, reading, translation and critical response examinations (an essay based on the film of study for Unit 2); Unit 5 (A Level) is a critical and analytical writing examination based on the literary text

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- GCSE grade B in French (minimum of grade B in writing and speaking assessments)

Career Opportunities:

- Commerce and industry, Executive, Media, Sales and marketing, Travel and tourism, Retail, Education, Public Administration, Engineering, Translator/interpreter, International Organisations, Banking and Finance, EU bodies e.g. administrative and legal

Contact

Mrs C. Pearman – Subject Leader Modern Foreign Languages

Geography / Daearyddiaeth

Geography at AS and A2 Level consists of physical and human topics and adopts a modern approach to the subject allowing students to develop an understanding of the natural world, human impacts on the environment and the challenges facing both the developed and developing world. There will be opportunities to undertake a number of fieldwork investigations as a part of this course. The skills gained through planning an investigation in AS and A2 are valued by universities as excellent preparation for conducting extended projects as undergraduates. Geography will further develop your literacy, numeracy, IT, decision-making and enquiry skills.

Course Outline

AS Course Content

Unit 1: Changing Landscapes

- Glaciated Landscapes
- Tectonic Hazards

Unit 2: Changing Places

- Changing places – economic, social, demographic and settlement changes
- Fieldwork Investigation in Physical and Human Geography

Assessment

One written paper for each unit. Each paper will have structured question with data response, one of which tests research/fieldwork.

A2 Course Content

Unit 3: Global Systems and Global Governance

- Global Systems - Water and Carbon Cycles
- Global Governance - Processes and patterns of global migration and global governance of the Earth's oceans
- 21st Century Challenges

Unit 4: Contemporary Themes in Geography

- Tectonic Hazards
- Economic Growth and Challenge: Ecosystems and Weather and Climate

Unit 5: Independent Investigation

- One written independent investigation, based on your own collection of primary and secondary data

Assessment

One written paper for Units 3 and 4 with a range of structured questions with data response, extended response and essay questions. The Individual Investigation is non-examined.

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- GCSE grade B or above in Geography, Mathematics and English

Contact

Miss E Willetts – Subject Leader Geography

German / Almaeneg



German is a key language and in the European world of business and commerce it is a big player. Alongside the business world, the worlds of Industry and Science are always on the lookout for German speakers. Having a language is increasingly valuable and gives you that extra edge in the job market. At university, you can do single Honours German but more and more commonly, you can combine it with almost any other subject - science, technology, business or arts. You are usually offered the added attraction of a year abroad in a German speaking country.

We concentrate on practical communication in AS and A level German and an important element of the course is the regular small-group work. The four skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) are developed by studying different aspects of life, society and culture.

Course Outline

The A Level specification content covers the two main areas of interest:

- Social issues and trends
- Political, intellectual and artistic culture.

Under these two areas of interest a total of four themes have been chosen to offer learners an extensive and pertinent learning experience.

AS Course Content

- Being a young person in German-speaking society
- Understanding the German-speaking world (including the study of a German film)

A2 Course Content

- Diversity and difference
- The Making of Modern Germany: 1989 onwards (including the study of a literary text)

Assessment

This qualification is made up of a total of five units: two at AS and three at A level.

- AS Units 1 (AS) and 3 (A level) are speaking assessments; Units 2 (AS) is a combined listening, reading, translations and critical response examination (an essay based on the film of study).
- Unit 4 (A level) is a combined listening, reading and translation examination; Unit 5 (A level) is a critical and analytical writing examination based on the literary text studied.

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- GCSE Grade B in German (minimum of Grade B in writing and speaking units)

Career Opportunities:

- Commerce & industry, Executive, Media, Sales & marketing, Travel & tourism, Retail, Education, Public Administration, Engineering, Translator/interpreter, International Organisations, Banking & Finance, EU bodies e.g. administrative & legal

Contact

Mrs C Pearman - Subject Leader Modern Foreign Language

Government and Politics / Llywodraeth a Gwleidyddiaeth

Government and Politics is an increasingly popular subject that will enable students to develop a wide range of skills including: the ability to comprehend; synthesise and interpret political information; analyse and evaluate political knowledge; identify connections; similarities and differences between the areas studied; select relevant material and construct and communicate arguments clearly and coherently using appropriate political vocabulary. Through a compulsory element on governing modern Wales, the specification will contribute to the development of citizenship. It will be supported by resources for what is necessarily an evolving subject for study.

At AS Level, candidates will develop a broad knowledge and understanding of the political system of the UK, through the study of two compulsory units. The first focuses on participation and voting behaviour, electoral systems, political parties and pressure groups/protest movements and the second on the process of government, looking at parliamentary structures, core executives and multi-level governance in both Wales and the UK as a whole. For those who continue to A level, there will be further specialisation at A2, through optional units in *US Politics* and *US Government*, and *Political Ideologies and Challenges in Contemporary Politics*.

Course Outline

AS

- People, Politics and Participation
- Governing Modern Wales

A2 USA

- Political ideologies
- Governing America

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- GCSE English Language at grade C or above

Career Opportunities:

- Law
- Research
- Marketing
- Journalism

Contact

Mrs A. Davies – Subject Leader Government and Politics

Health and Social Care / Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol

This course provides a broad introduction into the Health & Social Care and Child Care, the work carried out in these sectors and the skills and values required to do so effectively.

Course Outline

In Year 12 you will carry out a week's work experience in the sector and cover the 2 units below. This will give you a GCE AS in Health and Social Care:

1. Promoting health and well-being (External)
2. Supporting health, well-being and resilience in Wales (Internal)

A further two units will be studied in Year 13, leading to a GCE A Level in Health and Social Care:

3. Theoretical perspectives of children and young people's development (External)
4. Supporting the development, health, well-being and resilience of children and young people (Internal)

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- Successful completion of BTEC Level 2 Health & Social Care (not essential)
- 5 GCSEs grade C or above
- GCSE grade C in English and Mathematics.



Career Opportunities:

These courses enable progression to both Higher Education and a wide range of employment opportunities and training in such areas as; nursing, social work, paramedic rescue services, teaching and many more.

Contact

Mrs N. Williams - Subject Leader Health & Social Care



History / Hanes

Besides the study of the subject itself, History provides training in evaluating and presenting evidence, arguing a case and making logical statements in writing. These traits are valued by many employers of graduates and offer a path to a wide range of career opportunities. An A Level in History is also considered by many universities as a desirable choice, being seen as a “facilitating” subject which opens up a range of other academic areas to students.

It will consist of some elements of British History and some of World History. It will be available at AS and A-level.

Course Outline

A-Level History is divided into a total of five units, two AS units and three A2 units. AS candidates follow one period study and one in-depth study. A level candidates re-visit the same period and in-depth study, as well as looking at an additional topic.

Period Study - Wales and England - The Stuarts (1603 - 1714)

The period study requires candidates to study an extended chronological period of a hundred years or more. This places emphasis on the need to understand the process of historical change and its causes and consequences, both long and short term. Students will study a range of themes from the Stuart era including social, political and economic as well as studying the significant changes to the governance of the UK which have had a lasting impact.

(Unit 2 and 4) In-depth Study – Germany: Democracy and Dictatorship

This requires candidates to study a relatively short period in much greater depth. In all aspects of their study, candidates will use a wide range of different types of historical sources. These will include both contemporary and later sources and historical interpretations. Students will study the rise and fall of the Nazis in Germany from the end of the First World War to the end of the Second World War. They will examine the reasons that Hitler was able to take power in 1933, what life was like living in the dictatorship for a range of people and how the regime eventually collapsed.

(Unit 3) Breadth study – Poverty, Protest and Rebellion in Wales and England c.1485-1603

This seeks to develop an understanding of connections between different aspects of the themes studied and allow learners to draw together knowledge, understanding and skills centred on these themes. The nominated themes within this unit are based on an extended period of at least 100 years with a focus on change, continuity and development. Students will examine the causes of poverty during the Tudor period and how these were addressed by successive governments and monarchs. They will also study a series of rebellions throughout the period, focusing on the causes of them and the threats that they posed.

(Unit 5) Historical Interpretations – Non-Examination Assessment

Learners investigate an issue of historical debate through a study of different historical interpretations. This unit encourages learners to use a range of evidence, both contemporary and made later to explain how and why different historical interpretations are formed. The issue chosen will allow learners to extend and enhance their understanding of aspects of the history studied in the broader parts of the specification or it can come from an area of history not studied elsewhere in the specification. The question is set by the school and changes every 3 years.

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- GCSE grade C or above in History is advisable but good ability in English will be taken into account

Examinations:

- Students will sit two exams at the end of year 12 (AS) and two exams at the end of year 13 (A level). The NEA unit is also completed in year 13.

Career Opportunities:

- Law
- Journalism
- Management
- Teaching
- Archaeology
- Project management

Contact

Miss Jennifer Riley - Subject Leader History



Information Technology / Technoleg Gwybodaeth

This A Level course offers students a highly contemporary experience in ICT. It seeks to provide innovation and promotes student creativity through the paperless scheme of assessment. Real world problems require real world solutions, solutions that acknowledge the multi-faceted nature of ICT in society today.

Course Outline

The course consists of two mandatory units to be covered in the first year, which are outlined below.

- **eBusiness:**
The aim of this unit is to ensure learners understand hardware and software is forever developing and evolving. The ways in which we communicate and use various technologies to interact have changed.
- **eSkills:**
The aim of this unit is to manage eBusiness data enabling learners to understand for eBusinesses to succeed they must make a profit by forecasting and using data management tools such as spreadsheets and databases.

A further mandatory unit to be covered in the second year, which is outlined below.

- **eProject:**
The aim of this unit is to manage eProjects effectively by planning to maximise success. Learners understand that applying their knowledge and eSkills to solve problems and be able to manage available resources. Team working skills are essential.

A further one optional unit will be chosen:

- **eStudio**
- **eTransact**

Assessment for eBusiness is by an external on-screen examination, set and marked by WJEC. The examination will consist of objective and subjective assessment items, based on stimulus information consisting mainly of case studies of actual and/or fictionalised businesses. The assessment is organised into part A and Part B. Part A is question based whereas part B is a combination of practical tasks and questions.

Assessment for eSkills is a mandatory unit for the AS Level. Learners will be required to produce database and spreadsheet solutions to suit business related situations described in the board set assessment. The scenario will provide background information to the problem and will describe current working practices and their associated problems.

Assessment for eProject is a mandatory unit for the A Level. The assessment is external through the use of controlled assessment written by the WJEC.

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Grading

The AS qualification will be graded on a five-grade scale: A, B, C, D and E.

The A level qualification will be graded on a six-grade scale: A*, A, B, C, D, E

Entry Requirements:

Some learners will show an interest in the IT industry plus evidence of successful study of ICT at Level 2 with a Grade C or above, or equivalent pass, for some this will be a new subject area individual cases will be considered.

Career Opportunities:

This course is suitable for those studying in preparation for employment in the Information and Communication Technology sector, particularly in job roles where they will be using ICT skills, liaise with users and carry out ICT support roles. This qualification is also suitable for those wishing to progress into Further or Higher Education including following Honours and Foundation degrees in ICT or a related subject.

Contact

Mrs T Matthews - Subject Leader ICT

Law / Y Gyfraith

Have you ever wondered what it takes to become a solicitor or what the difference is between a barrister and a solicitor? Are you curious to know why some people are found guilty of criminal offences and others are found innocent, why some are charged with murder and some with manslaughter? Have you ever thought about the sorts of people who become judges and why there are different courts? Have you ever thought it an injustice that some people commit serious crimes but don't get sent to prison? If you want any of these questions answered then you should opt for Law. This course not only gives you a grounding in the main principles of English and Welsh laws but it also helps to develop your knowledge, understanding and critical awareness of the English Legal System.

Course Outline

On the AS course you will study two units: -

Unit 1 – Nature of Law and the Welsh and English legal systems

- Section A - This section will look at how laws are made and what role both the House of Commons and House of Lords has on the legislative process. It will also look at what influences operate on Parliament e.g. media and pressure groups and the Law Commission. This section also looks to where Parliament can delegate the making of legislation and what controls operate on this process. In addition to this you will be able to study the way in which statutes are interpreted and the role that judges play in decision making
- Section B - This section will look at the court system (both civil and criminal) as well as exploring other ways of resolving disputes (ADR). It covers professional people involved in the law (barristers, solicitors and judges) as well as looking at lay people (juries and magistrates). This section also looks at funding and other sources of advice

Written examination: 1 hour 45 minutes.

Unit 2 – The law of Tort

- This section will develop knowledge and understanding of liability in negligence for injury to people
- It covers damage to property and liability in relation to lawful and unlawful visitors
- Students will also gain understanding of remedies, including damages, mitigation of loss and injunctions

Written examination: 1 hour 15 minutes.

The A2 course requires the study of a further two units.

UNIT 3 – The practice of Substantive Law

- **Human Rights Law** - The rules and theory of human rights law, provisions in the European Convention of Human Rights, restrictions, how it is enforced and the debate relating to the protection of human rights in the UK
- **Criminal Law** – The rules and theories of criminal law, general elements of liability, offences against the person and property offences. It also considers defences that are available

Written examination: 2 hours.

Unit 4 – Substantive Law Perceptives

In this unit you will be required to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of legal rules and principles, and to analyse and evaluate legal rules, principles, concepts and issues. Relevant case law and authority will need to be used.

Written examination: 2 hours.

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- A genuine interest in the legal system the criminal justice system is required
- A minimum of 5 GCSE passes A*-C, including English is required. GCSE grade B in English would be preferable

Career opportunities:

A law degree obviously allows for a business or legal career, such as a solicitor, barrister or legal secretary. It can also lead to roles with in the public sector and politics. It is relevant for banking, finance and accountancy careers and also supports jobs in the fields of media and advertising.

Contact

Mrs J. A. Davies - Subject Leader Law



Mathematics & Further Mathematics / Mathemateg & Mathemateg Bellach

There will be few subjects or careers at degree level and beyond which will remain untouched by Mathematics. In its own right as a logical abstract subject, it can approach a form of art. As an applied subject it is dominant both as the language of science and a tool of research.

In this course mathematical skills and concepts will be developed further in Pure Mathematics or Core Mathematics and applied in the areas of Mechanics and Statistics.

Course Outline

In Year 12, we will be offering 2 courses: Maths AS and Further Maths AS.

Maths AS will comprise of a Pure Mathematics component Unit 1 and an Applied Component Unit 2

- **The Pure Maths paper** (120 marks) will consist of a number of short and longer, both structured and unstructured questions, which may be set on any part of the subject content of the unit. A number of questions will assess learners' understanding of more than one topic from the subject content. The total assessment time is 2 hours and 30 minutes. A calculator will be allowed in this examination
- **The Applied paper** will consist of two sections:
 - Section A: Statistics (40 marks)
 - Section B: Mechanics (35 marks)
 - The total assessment time of 1 hour 45 minutes can be split between Section A and Section B as learners deem appropriate. The paper will comprise a number of short and longer, both structured and unstructured questions, which may be set on any part of the subject content of the unit. A number of questions will assess learners' understanding of more than one topic from the subject content. A calculator will be allowed in this examination

Further Maths AS will comprise of 3 compulsory units

- AS Unit 1: Further Pure Mathematics
- AS Unit 2: Further Statistics
- AS Unit 3: Further Mechanics

In Year 13, if the student continues with their Maths studies, they will need to complete one more Pure Module and one more Applied module.

Further Mathematicians will complete one more Pure Module (A2 Unit 4: Further Pure Mathematics) and then one more Applied module (either A2 Unit 5: Further Statistics OR A2 Unit 6: Further Mechanics). The students will give a preference and the most popular course will be covered.

Assessment

- All exams in AS Maths are either 2 hour 30 minutes or 1 hour 45 minutes and there is no coursework. Calculators are allowed in all papers
- In Further Maths the AS exams are 1 hour 30 minutes long and calculators are allowed in all papers

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC Maths and Further Maths

Entry Requirements:

- Maths GCSE grade A or A* is required and pupils need to appreciate that the course is heavily reliant on good algebraic skills

Career Opportunities:

A wide range of employers welcome a Maths A-level qualification. It is seen as an indication of the ability to think logically and structure problem solving tasks. Maths at A-level is required or highly desirable for a large number of degree courses, such as; Engineering, Computing, Physics and Medicine. Mathematics is also very useful for Psychology, Sociology and Economics.

Contacts

Mrs C. Taylor – Curriculum Leader Mathematics



Media Studies / Astudiaethau'r Cyfryngau

Those of us who live in the Western and other highly industrialised and technological societies inhabit cultures which have been described as Media saturated. Students of Media Studies will have the opportunities to analyse many different media texts including: film, television, print and video games. There will also be an opportunity for students to produce and analyse their own texts.

Course Outline

The AS course is made up of two units.

AS Unit 1: Investigating the Media

This unit assesses knowledge and understanding of media language, representation, media industries and audiences. The exam consists of three sections;

- Section A: Selling Images – Advertising and Marketing
One-stepped question based on unseen print and audio-visual resource material requiring reference to the advertising and marketing products studied
- Section B: News in the Online Age
One two-part question requiring reference to the news products studied.
- Section C: Film Industries – from Wales to Hollywood
One two-part question based on two films studied

AS Unit 2: Creating a Media Production

- A media production, including individual research and planning, created in response to a choice of briefs set by the WJEC, and applying knowledge and understanding of key concepts
- An individual reflective analysis of the production

The A2 course is made up of two units.

A2 Unit 3: Media in the Global Age

This unit assesses knowledge and understanding of media language, representation, media industries and audiences. The exam consists of three sections;

- Section A: Television in the Global Age
One extended question based on two of the three television programmes studied
- Section B: Magazines – Mainstream and Alternative Media
One extended question based on two of the three magazines studied
- Section C: Media in the Digital Age – Video Games
One extended question based on two of the three video games studied

A2 Unit 2: Creating a Cross-Media Production

- A cross-media production including individual investigative research and development. This unit will also involve students applying their knowledge and understanding of key concepts and digital convergence
- An individual critical analysis of the production with application of appropriate theory

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- 5 GCSE passes grade A* - C or above, including English Language

Career Opportunities:

Journalism, Public Relations, Marketing, Teaching, and many more.

Contact

Mr J. Jones – Lead teacher Media Studies



Music / Cerddoriaeth

The Music department at King Henry VIII School is an ideal place to study at Advanced Level. There is extensive support from the department staff throughout the course. Students are encouraged to work to their strengths and both contemporary and traditional musicians are able to achieve their potential through careful choice of performance and composition options. The range of set works and theoretical aspects of the course allow students to be challenged, yet prepared for future study in the world of music.

The Music department also offers students exceptional opportunities for performance, often alongside professionals. This includes orchestral and choral performances, and whole-school productions in collaboration with the drama department.

Course Outline

AS

- Solo and/or ensemble performance on voice or instrument. This is expected to be between 6 and 8 minutes in total
- Two compositions (using acoustic instruments or ICT packages) lasting a total of around 5 minutes. The task is undertaken under controlled conditions. (30%) The first composition is completed in response to a brief set by the examination board; the second is 'free'
- An examination paper based on both familiar and unfamiliar music. The appraising exam is based upon two main areas of study; the symphony during the classical period (involving one work set for detailed study, Haydn, symphony 103) and the study of 4 major musical theatre composers and their shows

A2

- Students complete a 'standard' level of both performance and composition, but offer an extended project in one of the disciplines.
- The examination paper is based upon set works which are studied in greater depth than at AS Level' the main focus for A2 is the Romantic period (the symphony and impressionism) and American Musical Theatre.

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- A good pass in GCSE Music. There is no requirement to have achieved a pass at a Grade examination in either instrument or voice, but students will need to perform to Grade 5 level by the end of Year 12. A sound knowledge of basic music theory is also required. A commitment to researching music, listening and score study is also essential

Career Opportunities:

Professional Performer, Primary & Secondary Teacher, Recording Engineer/Producer, Multimedia, Mass Media, Music Therapy, Librarian, Hospitality & Event Management, Business Management.

Contact

Mr M. Hunt – Subject Leader Performing Arts

Performing Arts Level 3 BTEC / Celfyddydau perfformio

Course Outline

- Unit 1: Investigating practitioners work – a unit designed to improve learners' performance skills whilst studying key practitioners in the field. This unit includes a task to be completed under controlled conditions.
- Unit 2: Developing skills and techniques for live performance – a unit designed to train and develop skills in at least 2 disciplines and genres. This unit includes several practical assessment points.
- Unit 3: Group performance workshop – pupils work collaboratively to develop skills in a variety of disciplines including musical theatre, acting, dance and singing. Pupils produce a performance based on a given stimulus.
- Unit 4: Musical theatre performance – students work to develop skills in musical theatre disciplines of acting, singing and dance. This unit culminates in a musical theatre performance combining all 3 disciplines

Key Facts

Specification: EDEXCEL

Entry Requirements: A* - C in GCSE Drama. 5 A* – C GCSE passes including a literacy-based subject

Career Opportunities:

Theatre, Television, Radio, Film, Journalism, Teaching, Therapy / Psychology, Politics. What about starting your own stage school?

Contact

Mr M. Hunt – Subject Leader Performing Arts



Physics / Ffiseg

From smaller than a nucleus of an atom to the giant scale of galaxies; from events that take place faster than a billionth of a second to the age of the universe, the study of Physics encompasses all!

The qualification builds on knowledge and understanding developed in GCSE.

Course Outline

The specification is divided into a total of 5 units: 2 AS units and 3 A2 units. Weightings noted below are expressed in terms of the full A level qualification.

AS (2 units)

- **Unit 1 - Motion, Energy and Matter**
Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes worth 20% of qualification
Short answer and extended answer structured questions, some in a practical context
- **AS Unit 2 - Electricity and Light**
Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes worth 20% of qualification
Short answer and extended answer structured questions, some in a practical context

A2 Level (the above plus a further 3 units)

- **Unit 3 - Oscillations and Nuclei**
Written examination: 2 hours 15 minutes worth 25% of qualification
Short answer and extended answer questions, some in a practical context, comprehension question
- **Unit 4 - Fields and Options**
Written examination: 2 hours 25% of qualification
Short answer and extended answer questions, some in a practical context. Choice of one option out of four:
Alternating Currents, Medical Physics, The Physics of Sports, Energy and the Environment
- **Unit 5 - Practical Examination**
10% of qualification

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- GCSE Physics grade B or above or Double Award Science at grade BB or above is essential
- GCSE Mathematics and English at grade B and above
- An average GCSE B grade score or above

Career Opportunities:

Physics leads to a wide range of courses and careers. These could be: from Higher National to degree level courses ranging from Physics, Medicine to Engineering, employment in many areas, including scientific research, engineering, broadcasting, aviation, international commerce and many more.

Contacts

Mr M. Herbert-Jones - Subject Leader Science

Psychology / Seicoleg

We study human behaviour from the 5 key perspectives in Psychology. Psychology is an increasingly popular subject with a potentially massive range of post-education opportunities. Psychology is the science of the mind and behaviour and has the status of a science in all of the universities in the United Kingdom for admissions purposes. It seeks to explore the line between human behaviour and our genetic and biochemical make-up and the social conditions in our environment.

Course Outline

AS Course Content:

- Perspectives in Psychology
- Positive Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Psychodynamic Psychology
- Biological Psychology
- Behavioural Psychology
- Research methods used in Psychology
- Contemporary debates in Psychology

A2 Course Content:

Three of the following six topics will be studied:

1. Addictive behaviours
 2. Autistic spectrum behaviours
 3. Bullying behaviours
 4. Criminology
 5. Schizophrenia
 6. Stress
- Real World Applications of Psychology – Two research practicals
 - Issues and Debates in Psychology

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- At least a grade B in Mathematics and a grade B in English Language GCSE

Career Opportunities:

Personnel Management, Social Work, Marketing, Psychiatric Work, Educational Psychology, and many more.

Contact

Mrs A. Davies – Subject Leader Psychology

Religious Studies / Addysg Grefyddol

Are you someone with an enquiring mind, an appreciation of different viewpoints, and an ability to come to clear, balanced decisions? If you are, and you want to work with people, then Religious Studies will give you plenty to think about and help you acquire valuable expertise.

Religious Studies provides the opportunity to discuss issues and questions that matter. What's the value of life? What beliefs will you live by? What different ideas about God and life after death are there? You will be encouraged to develop your own thoughts and ideas about such moral and ethical issues and questions of belief.

Course Outline

AS level comprises the study of two modules: An introduction to Philosophy and Ethics and a study of a world religion.

Module One

Part One: Introduction to the study of Ethics:

- **Ethical thought** – Divine command theory, Aristotle's virtue ethics, ethical egoism
- **Natural Moral Law** – St Thomas Aquinas
- **Utilitarianism** – non-religious approach to ethical decision making
- **Situation Ethics** – Joseph Fletcher

Part Two: Introduction to the philosophy of religion:

- **Inductive arguments** – Cosmological and teleological arguments, challenges raised by David Hume
- **Deductive arguments** – Ontological arguments, objections raised by Gaunilo and Immanuel Kant
- **Challenges to religious belief, the problem of evil** – Augustinian and Irenaean theodicy
- **Religious experience** – William James, Rudolph Otto

Module Two – A study of a world Religion

- **The life of Buddha** -Social and religious background to the Buddha's life, Birth, four sights, renunciation, enlightenment, ministry and death
- **Some central concept** - Role of the historical Buddha, the three jewels, wheel of dharma, karma, pratitya samutpada and the three marks of existence (dukkha, anicca, anatta)
- **Buddhist Lifestyle** - Four Noble Truths, Eightfold Path, Monasticism in the context of the Sangha and the Lay and monastic precepts
- **Some central practices** – Meditation: Vipassana, Samatha and Zen and Puja

Assessment

AS

Two examinations: Module 1 – Philosophy and ethics, accounting for 25% of the final A-level and module 2 – Buddhism accounting for 15% of the final A level.

A2 Three examinations:

- Study of a religion – 20%
- A study of Philosophy – 20%
- A study of Ethics – 20%

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- Minimum of grade B in RE GCSE along with a grade C or above in GCSE English Language
- Students with a grade B or above in Sociology GCSE or History GCSE would be considered if the student does not have grade B or above in RE GCSE

Career Opportunities:

Personnel Management, Journalism and publishing, Medicine and related professions, Social work, Tourism and leisure services, Retail management, other people orientated jobs.

All universities accept students with Philosophy and Ethics onto a variety of courses in humanities, arts and sciences, as well as Philosophy, Theology or related disciplines.

Contact

Mr N. Jenkins - Subject Leader Religious Education

Sociology / Cymdeithaseg

Sociology is an increasingly popular subject with many applications in the real world. Sociology is the study of society or more specifically society's institutions. Typical questions include why do some groups (such as the middle class and girls) achieve higher qualifications in the education system? Is the media's portrayal of certain groups stereotypical? Why do men seem to commit more crimes than women? Why are some groups more likely to be in poverty than others? Students need to have an interest in current affairs and an understanding of recent social history.

Course Outline

AS

- Acquiring culture and identity
- Youth cultures
- Research Methods
- The sociology of education

A2

- Crime and deviance
- Social inequality
- Applied research methodology

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- At least a grade B in Mathematics and a grade B in English Language GCSE

Career Opportunities:

- Law
- Nursing
- Police work
- Marketing
- Teaching
- Journalism

Contact

Mrs A. Davies – Subject Leader Sociology

Sport BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate / Chwaraeon

The BTEC Level 3 Sport Award is a two-year course. Equivalent in size to one A Level. 4 units of which 3 are mandatory and 1 optional unit. Each Unit is assessed using a grading scale of Distinction (D), Merit (M), Pass (P), Near Pass (N) and Unclassified (U). 2 Units are assessed via external examinations and 2 units are assessed internally via coursework and assignments set in school. All mandatory and optional units contribute proportionately to the overall qualification grade. This qualification is designed to support progression to higher education when taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A Levels.

Course Outline

Unit	Title	Mandatory (M) or Optional (O)	Description
1	Anatomy and Physiology	M	A look into the function and structure of the skeletal, muscular, cardiovascular and respiratory systems and how they react and adapt to exercise. Assessed via a 90 minute written examination
2	Fitness, Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being	M	In this unit you will identify different lifestyle factors and their impact on health and fitness. You will also research different training methods and their impact on training. You will be assessed with a 2 hour exam in which you are given a scenario one week prior to the examination.
3	Professional Development in the Sport Industry	M	In this unit, you will look into the various roles within the sports Industry and what pathways are needed in order to gain employment. This is assessed via a number of assignments and practical interviews.
5	Application of Fitness Testing	O	This unit is assessed via assignments in which you take on the role of a Personal trainer and have to administer, record fitness test scores. You will also have to provide feedback to your client both written and verbally.

Grading for Units and Qualifications

Achievement in the qualification requires a demonstration of depth of study in each unit, assured acquisition of a range of practical skills required for employment or progression to higher education, and successful development of transferable skills. Learners achieving a qualification will have achieved across mandatory units, including external and synoptic assessment.

Key Skills

- Covers all the key skills
- Communication
- Information Technology
- Application of Number
- Working with Others
- Problem Solving

- Improving own Learning

Key Facts

Specification: EDEXCEL

Entry Requirements:

- 5 GCSE passes grade C or above (including one science subject)
- An interest in sport

Career Opportunities:

Sports Medicine, Physiotherapist / Occupational Therapist, P.E. Teaching, Leisure Management, Sports Development Officer, Sports Coach, Fitness Instructor.

Contact

Mrs A. Beynon – Subject Leader Physical Education



Welsh / Cymraeg

The importance of Welsh as a language and culture is rapidly being regained throughout the country. This is evident in the number of job advertisements which require a 'good understanding of the language', its compulsory status in all schools and public service companies and bilingual legal documents. There are increasing opportunities around the world for Welsh speakers, particularly in America, South America, Australia and Japan. The A-level Welsh course addresses all aspects of the subject, providing a thorough knowledge and understanding in all key skills. It is quite different to the GCSE course as it involves the study of many varied and interesting topic areas (see below) and offers a wide understanding of cultural and social aspects of the subject. By the end of the course you will be fluent in the language.

Course Outline

The AS and A Level in Welsh Second Language encourages learners to:

- study Welsh with interest, enjoyment and enthusiasm
- communicate correctly and fluently both orally and in writing within a wide range of situations and contexts
- write creatively and factually for a range of purposes
- analyse familiar and unfamiliar texts independently
- listen and respond to the opinions of others when expressing a point of view
- express an independent opinion, based on knowledge and understanding of literary and factual texts
- respond in Welsh with clarity, in a relevant, confident and structured manner
- play an appropriate role in a bilingual society at the beginning of the twenty-first century

In addition, the AS and A level Specification for Welsh Second Language should encourage candidates to make a connection between various aspects of the subject and provide a suitable foundation which will enable candidates to pursue further studies of the language in future.

AS (3 units)

Unit 1

Oral Examination: Film and Oracy;

15% of qualification 60 marks.

Section A: Discussion of Patagonia approx. 20 mins. per group.

Section B: Personal response approx. 5 mins. per candidate.

Unit 2

Non-examination Assessment;

10% of qualification 60 marks.

Candidates to write 3 extended pieces. Total of between 1,500 and 2,000 words.

Unit 3

Written Paper: 2 hours The Use of Language, and Poetry;

15% of qualification 120 marks.

Section A: A composite question which includes different types of linguistic exercises.

Section B: 3 questions based on the prescribed texts.

Advanced Level (AS & three additional units)

Unit 4

Oral Examination: Drama and Oracy;

25% of qualification 75 marks.

Section A: Living through the medium of Welsh.

Section B: Discussing a play – Crash.

Section C: Personal response.

Synoptic Assessment.

Unit 5

Written Paper: 2 hours The Welsh language in Society and Translanguaging;

15% of qualification 80 marks.

Section A: The Welsh language in society. Questions based on the prescribed text.

Section B: Translanguaging – a written response in Welsh to an English-language article.

Synoptic Assessment.

Unit 6

Written Paper: 2 hours The Use of Language and the Short Story;

20% of qualification 100 marks.

Section A: A composite question which includes different types of linguistic exercises.

Section B: 2 questions based on one of the prescribed texts (4 texts in total) and 1 synoptic question which bring together the information, understanding and skills developed in the subject. Synoptic Assessment.

Key Facts

Specification: WJEC

Entry Requirements:

- GCSE grade B in Welsh at Higher Tier
- A minimum grade B is required in English Literature GCSE

Career Opportunities:

Business, Retail Outlets, Tourist Industries, Public Services, Education, Council, Police/ Fire Service, Television, Journalism, Banking, Health Care.

Welsh is increasingly demanded by employers throughout Wales. Obtaining Welsh at A-level would ensure that you were a highly desirable employee and this course also enables progression into Higher Education.

Contact

Miss C. Hill – Subject Leader Welsh Second Language

Level 2 Options



L2 Pathways to Employment

This aspect of our offer is currently being developed, but will give the opportunity for students to complete a vocational route to employment whilst staying at King Henry VIII 3-19 School.

Students studying this pathway will be able to join with a lower offer (yet to be confirmed) and will have the opportunity to resit English and Mathematics GCSE as required.

The qualifications below are the ones likely to be offered by the school and will also include a substantial training placement for students to complete industry related qualifications leading to students being ready to enter employment at the end of the course.

Play, Sport and Leisure

Pearsons BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Sports Industry Skills (Sports and Active Leisure Recreation Assistant). C00/4205/2.

The placement would be through Mon Life and Abergavenny Leisure Centre

Childcare

WJEC/City and Guilds Level 2 Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development – Core modules C00/1238/5.

WJEC/City and Guilds Level 2 Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development – Practice and Theory C00/1249/4

The placement would be through local nurseries in the Abergavenny area which are yet to be confirmed.

We will ask students to register an interest in these courses and we will give further information and guidance relating to these pathways as it becomes available.

Please be aware that courses may not run if there is not enough interest.